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Funds Available for Housing the Homeless

ROCKFORD, Ill. – The City of Rockford Community Action Agency, in collaboration with the Rock River Homeless Coalition, is accepting applications for grant funding through the 2016 Continuum of Care (CoC) program of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). Funding must be used to address homelessness in Winnebago and Boone Counties through permanent supportive housing or rapid re-housing projects as defined by the application criteria.

Eligible applicants include local governments, other government agencies (such as public housing agencies), private nonprofit organizations, and faith-based agencies that have IRS 501(c)3 non-profit status (however, funds cannot be used to fund any program that requires religious attendance or adherence as part of the program.) All grant awards are contingent on HUD's final approval.

Applications are available by emailing mary.runestad@rockfordil.gov, or at <http://www.rockfordil.gov/human-services.aspx>. Additional information is also available at www.help4thehomeless.org and on Facebook at Rock River Homeless Coalition.

Applications must be submitted to Community Action, 555 N. Court St., Suite 301 or emailed to mary.runestad@rockfordil.gov no later than 4:00pm, Friday, August 5, 2016 as per application guidelines.

The CoC program is a community-wide commitment and coordinated effort to provide funding to quickly re-house the homeless, to promote access to and effective utilization of mainstream programs by the homeless, and to optimize self-sufficiency among those experiencing homelessness.